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For: GENE EXAMINING APPARATUS
AND METHOD OF DETECTING
TARGET NUCLEIC ACID USING
THE SAME

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 AND 1.143

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2005, setting forth a requirement for election of species, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Species #2 (claims 9-14).

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)

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